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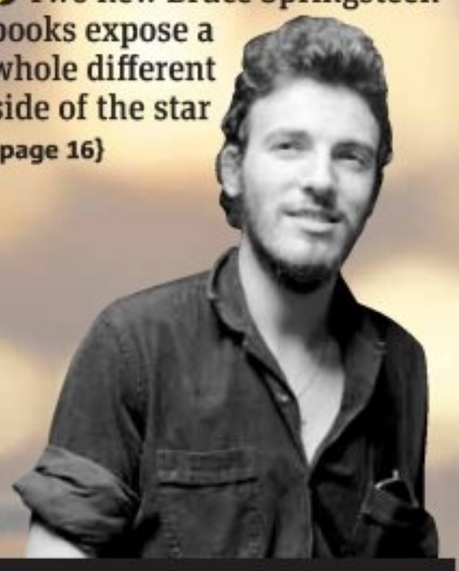

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N.J. GOV. CHRIS CHRISTIE CHIDING THE MEDIA YESTERDAY FOR A STORY SAYING HE CALLED PRESIDENT OBAMA TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS REELECTION.

In the news

Energy plan

SEPTA has created its first comprehensive energy action plan that could save the authority an estimated $2.2 million annually. The transit agency hopes to achieve savings through energy-efficient initiatives like daytime cleaning and a wayside energy storage device and use the savings to leverage short-term financing for capital projects.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ There was gunfire in West Philly.

Coincidence leads to fatal police shooting

A 35-year-old man was shot and killed by police in West Philadelphia late Sunday night following a struggle with officers over a gun he was allegedly wielding.

Two patrol officers first encountered the man as he rode a bicycle near 61st and Arch streets and attempted to stop him for questioning, Lt. John Stanford said.

The man allegedly fled, leading officers on a brief pursuit to 61st and Market streets, where Stanford said it appears the man fell between two parked cars.

"At that time, one of officers observed a handgun in the right hand of the suspect," Standford said. "A violent struggle ensued, with the suspect maintaining control of the firearm the entire time."

Stanford said one of the officers pulled his service weapon and shot the man about three times, killing him. His identity has not yet been released pending family notification. Stanford said that a fully loaded .45-caliber handgun was recovered from the scene. Investigators now believe the man was not involved in the incident that initially prompted the officers to attempt to stop him. Internal Affairs is investigating. METRO/AW

In the news

▶ No one was killed.

Bus crash injures 10 in North Philly

Ten people were treated for injuries yesterday after a car collided with a SEPTA bus during the morning commute, officials said.

A Route 18 bus was traveling near Second Street and Olney Avenue shortly after 8 a.m. when a struck the bus, knocking it into a parked vehicle, according to SEPTA spokesman Andrew Busch, adding that 10 people, including the operator, were treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The condition of the other driver was unknown. METRO

Experiment goes boom in classroom

Six students and a teacher were treated for minor burns following an accidental fire in a science class at Eastern Regional High School in Voorhees, N.J.

The fire occurred during a science experiment in the early afternoon at the school, located on Laurel Oak Road, according to Voorhees Fire District Chief Jim Pacifico. He said the fire was extinguished by the time firefighters arrived. METRO/SDL

Bike enthusiasts try riding support to new city laws

Coalition that includes Councilman likely to push for new legislation based on increased commuters Fines would increase for rude car drivers

A report last year from the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia found that Philly had the highest percentage of two-wheeled commuters among the nation's largest cities.

Numbers released by the Central Philadelphia Development Corporation last month showed a 10.5 percent increase in downtown bike commuters over the past two years, with an average of 873 riders entering the area between 8 and 9 a.m. during the first two weeks of October alone.

Bicyclists are now hoping to see the strength brought by their increased numbers cemented in law as Councilman Mark Squilla's Complete Streets bill hits a City Council committee this Thursday.

"The city's efforts to become more bicycle-friendly and safer for all users of streets and sidewalks is now moving beyond just policy, but will actually be reflected in the city's code," Bicycle Coalition Policy Director Sarah Clark Stuart said yesterday. "I think that is a very important step forward and indicates that this is becoming part of doing business in Philadelphia."

The proposed legislation would update rules for all motorists, providing for increased penalties for bicyclists who don't follow the law, as well as for motorists whose behaviors endanger bicyclists.

"Penalties are just one part of it," Stuart said of the legislation, which the Bicycle Coalition has been working with Council and the administration to develop since June. "There are other aspects to what the bill does that will reinforce that things like opening your car door into traffic is prohibited, which has been an issue for bicyclists who get caught by doors that are opened right in front of them."

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Quoted

"I think it will help reinforce that bicycles are vehicles and must follow the rules of the roads and have the same rights, but also have the same responsibilities as any other vehicles on the road."

SARAH CLARK STUART

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Bike lanes could become protected from overbearing cars.

Rules of road

The bill will, among other things:

- Prohibit parking in bike lanes and make opening a car door into traffic a city code violation while updating the law to allow cyclists to ride two abreast and to ride in the street even if there is an available off-road side path.
- Increase fines for all non-parking bicycle violations, like riding on sidewalks and running red lights, from $3 to $75 unless there is a higher state penalty for the same violation.
- Mandate all private and city-sponsored development projects adhere to a checklist of criteria incorporating best practices from a number of organizations and compiled in a centralized Complete Streets handbook. All developers will be required to make their checklists available online within 60 days of a project's approval.

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New book

One of those aspects is a newly created Complete Streets handbook, which puts various criteria developed by initiatives like Greenworks and Philadelphia 2035, plus the recommendations of the Zoning Code Commission into one centralized rulebook that all new development must follow. METRO/AW

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Strike by college faculty in Pa. up for vote by union

Faculty members at Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities began a three-day strike authorization vote yesterday amid contract discussions with the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

Faculty have been without a contract since June 2011. Although members could authorize a strike, the group said it would only walk out as a last resort.

"We don't want to strike. Our faculty members are certainly not interested in doing this unless it is a last resort," said Lauren Gutshall, a spokesperson for the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties, which represents 6,000 faculty members. "We want a fair contract and will keep negotiating until we come to an impasse."

The sticking points are compensation for part-time temporary faculty, contributions to health care for active members and retirees, as well as distance education stipulations. The state made its latest offer Friday, but the union said it requires major concessions in all three areas.

The next scheduled meeting is Dec. 11 in Harrisburg, when the union expects to offer a counter proposal. A following session is scheduled for Dec. 19 in Philadelphia.

Of the 14 state-owned universities, West Chester and Cheyney universities are located in southeastern Pennsylvania. The universities have nearly 120,000 students.

If faculty members went on strike, it would be the first time in the union's 75-year history.

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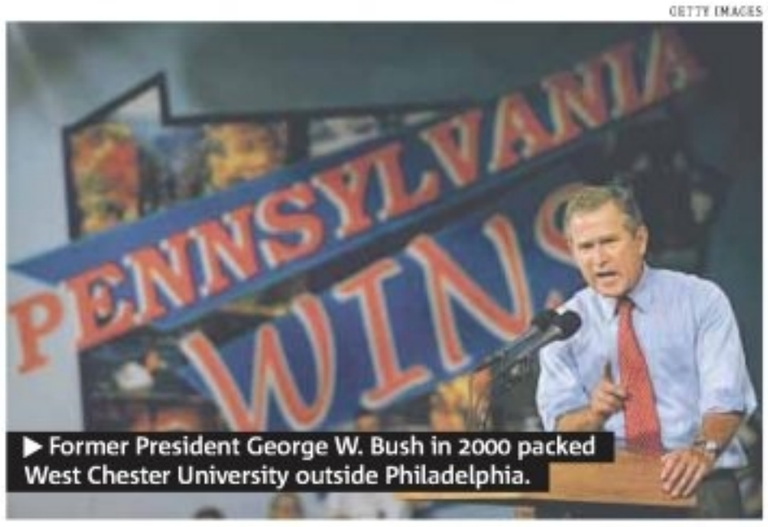

▶ Former President George W. Bush in 2000 packed West Chester University outside Philadelphia.

6K
Number of faculty at 14 state-owned colleges that could walk out of classrooms if they approve a strike

120K
Students who attend the statewide system in which union members haven't had a contract since 2011

Climate. Change?

▶ Houston West of West Philadelphia performed under his stage name Hughey and the Banjo for a crowd of onlookers enjoying the weather in Rittenhouse Square yesterday. West was accompanied by his sidekick, Rosco the Rabbit.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Hopping around Rittenhouse

Temperatures yesterday climbed to an unseasonably warm 70 degrees, nearly reaching the record high of 75 degrees set in 1879. But the two-day relative heat wave is predicted to end today as temperatures fall to slightly below the autumn norm, with an expected high of only 52 degrees. METRO/AW

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Sandy won't wash away oceanfront 'allure' to buyers

Danea Kelly made her first shopping trip for a New Jersey shore vacation home on the Saturday before Hurricane Sandy made landfall. It won't be her last.

While Kelly, 41, decided she no longer wants property directly on the ocean, the storm may open up new opportunities.

"You take your chances anytime you get involved with real estate," said Kelly, who is house-hunting with her brother in North Wildwood, which dodged the worst of the Oct. 29 storm that tore apart the boardwalk in Atlantic City, 40 miles up the coast. "We may now have less competition from other buyers and it might steer some people who have lived down there a long time, who may decide, 'It's time for me to sell.'"

Quoted

"The allure of having an oceanfront property is just too great. People recognize that there are bad natural disaster events, and they just cross their fingers and hope it doesn't happen to them." YUN

Real estate markets on the Jersey Shore will suffer in the wake of Sandy, which inflicted as much as $50 billion of business and property losses and caused at least 100 deaths in the U.S. In the hardest-hit communities, rebuilding of bridges, roads, dunes and homes will take months or even years. Home construction and insurance costs will probably rise.

While it will take time for buyers to regain confidence after the storm and last year's Hurricane Irene exposed the vulnerabilities of oceanfront property, they will return, as they did to storm-wracked beaches in Florida, North Carolina and Texas, said Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors.

When house-hunters come back, they'll compete for a reduced supply of undamaged homes with higher asking prices, according to Yun. Rebuilt properties will feature costly upgrades such as sturdier roofs and wind-resistant windows, which also may push up resale prices. BLOOMBERG

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▶ Anyone considering buying a home in shore homes like these in Margate will have to deal with misplaced sand for the foreseeable future.

Bump up from Sandy

On the Jersey Shore, some sellers of homes that escaped storm damage already are increasing their asking prices, said Joy Luedtke, a broker on Long Beach Island. Owners of at least five of her 30 current listings discussed upward revisions since Sandy, she said. Among them is the owner of an eight-bedroom estate known as the White House, who proposed raising his price by $5 million to $19,999,000, said Luedtke.

"It's got a bullet-proof dune," she said of the property, which is in the community of Loveladies.

"We are very fortunate compared with other barrier islands, because of our high ground," Luedtke said in an interview from Barnegat Light, on the northern tip of Long Beach Island, where she rode out Sandy. "If anything, we've increased in value."

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Metro Magic is in its third year, and in that time has brought happiness and delight to hundreds of youngsters for whom there would otherwise be no visit from Santa this holiday season.

Our wish list contains gifts from just a few dollars to around the $50 mark. All contributions matter and all gifts are gratefully received. You can join the Metro Magic party by logging on to www.metro.us.

Click on the Metro Magic logo at the top left hand of the home page, and that will take you directly to the Metro Magic wish list at the Toys R Us site for your city.

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Tony Metcalf, editor-in-chief of Metro U.S., said, "It's been such a difficult month for so many people with the hurricane and the second storm. So many people are living in difficult conditions right now, and we know times are hard. But we know our readers, too. They're magic and we know they'll respond again this year."

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2 One click on the logo will take you to a "wish list" we have set up via a secure link on **Toysrus.com**. Once there, you can see all the toys we've already requested, with more added daily.

▶ All the gifts purchased will be sent directly to Metro's office.

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Target, Toys R Us and others to open early Thanksgiving night

Target and Toys R Us are joining the U.S. retailers offering holiday specials earlier, including on Thanksgiving Day, to kick-start the biggest selling season of the year.

The stakes are high for U.S. retailers, which earn more than a third of their annual sales during the holiday season. Traditionally, they have waited until Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, to make their big end-of-the-year push.

That is changing as retailers try to get shoppers into their stores before their rivals do, making Thanksgiving Day about more than eating turkey and watching football.

While retailers say people are eager to head to stores after their Thanksgiving meals, some employees wish they could still have the day off.

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▶ Target

After Thanksgiving, many businesses and schools are closed on Friday. The New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq are open on Friday but close at 1 p.m.

Target said it planned to open at 9 p.m. on Thanksgiving — three hours earlier than last year, when it was closed on Thanksgiving and opened at midnight on Friday.

Toys R Us, which opened its stores at 9 p.m. on Thanksgiving night last year, will open an hour earlier this year. REUTERS

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The time Toys R Us will open on Thanksgiving

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US lawmakers to probe FBI's Petraeus investigation

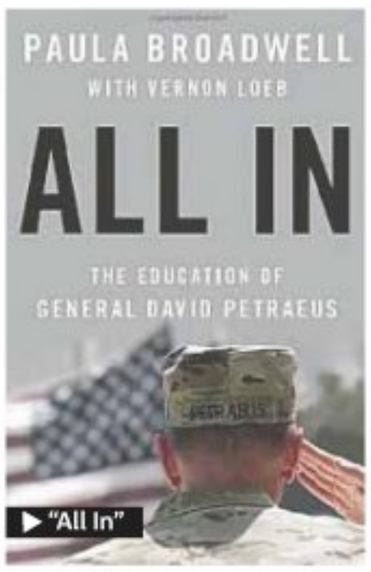
The Senate Intelligence Committee will investigate why the FBI failed to immediately notify the White House and Congress when it discovered that ex-CIA Director David H. Petraeus was involved in an extramarital affair.

The FBI began investigating after a woman, a friend of Petraeus and his wife, Holly, complained to law enforcement about receiving harassing e-mails, according to two officials briefed on the probe.

The Intelligence Committee chairwoman, Democrat Dianne Feinstein of California, said she had no indication that the second woman had an affair with Petraeus. "She was frightened and went to the FBI," Feinstein said yesterday on "Fox News Sunday."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation traced the threatening e-mails to Paula Broadwell, 40, the author of a Petraeus biography. Broadwell's messages warned the woman to stay away from Petraeus, said the officials briefed on the probe, who asked for anonymity to discuss information that hasn't been released. The probe also found e-mails that showed an extramarital affair between Broadwell and Petraeus, they said.

Retired Army Colonel Steve Boylan, a former spokesman for Petraeus in Iraq, said on ABC's "Good Morning America" that the affair began about two months after he took over as CIA director in mid-2011 and ended four months ago. **BLOOMBERG**



Post-army affair

"The affair started after he had been in the CIA, after he had retired from the Army," said Boylan, who said he'd spoken with Petraeus over the weekend. Petraeus "deeply regrets" that it happened, Boylan said.

Metro photo challenge

▶ "Water flowers on the river" is by Robert White of East Bridgewater, Mass.

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Young black men: The carnage just gets worse

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Black-on-black slayings continue to mount in urban areas like Philadelphia's inner city Pa., on the back of Philly, has third-highest black homicide rate in the country

FILE

▶ A majority of body bags contain black males under 40 years old, statistics show.

In any given year, Philadelphia tallies between 300 and 400 homicides. And without fail, about 60 percent of those victims are black men younger than 40.

"Think of this as a public health problem," said John Rich, a Drexel University professor and co-director of the school's Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice. "Urban violence is a huge problem and the main thing that jumps out of this is it's preventable."

In January, the nonprofit Violence Policy Center ranked Pennsylvania third in the nation for its black homicide rate, with 28.3 deaths per 100,000 people. That's about six times the national homicide rate.

One media outlet recently topped an article with the headline "Philadelphia: The Epicenter of Black-On-Black Violence."

"Black males killing black males is nothing new," said Everett Gillison, deputy mayor for public safety. "What is new is the extent the carnage has gone on."

The carnage, obviously, has an immediate effect. But it also has long-term ones. Studies have shown that people who grow up with a lot of stressors are more likely to develop long-term health problems when they're older, Rich said. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, black males have the shortest life expectancy.

Rich and his colleagues have done research in urban communities that shows the stressors there are comparable to war zones.

"We know that people exposed to high levels of violence suffer physical and mental consequences like [post-traumatic stress disorder]," he said. "It's in many cases higher than those who come back from war."

PTSD's symptoms include hypervigilance/hyperarousal, re-experiencing and avoidance or numbness. Treating that PTSD early is a way to prevent future violence, Rich said. A program called Healing Hurt People trying to do just that is currently under way at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. It's under the direction of Dr. Theodore Corbin, a Drexel emergency medicine physician who developed the intervention in 2007.

"Trauma can make people cut off their ability to see the future," Rich said. "One way to open up is to help them heal while also providing them with opportunity."

Those opportunities can be as simple as providing young people places to go and things to do on nights and weekends.

"It's simple," Rich said. "It's not without costs, but when we compare the costs, it seems to make sense."

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Percent of annual Philadelphia murder victims who are black men under age 40

The implications

Immigrants also forced to deal with city's murder epidemic

Jin Zheng's little girls want to know where their father is.

They ask, she said, but she doesn't know what to tell them. The reality is too difficult to contemplate.

Zheng's husband, Xiang Huang, was gunned down in the family's Chinese-takeout store in Tacony in January. He was 27 and a father of three. The case remains unsolved.

"Our dream was simple," Zheng, 25, said in Chinese through a translator. "We just wanted to live a better life."

Like so many others, Zheng and her husband — Chinese immigrants who met in New York — moved to Philadelphia because it was a more affordable city where they thought they could build a business, buy a house, live the dream. And like too many others, they found that dream shattered.

Mei Ren, president of the Greater Philadelphia Fujian Association, said many Chinese immigrants she's spoken to since Huang's death are ready to call it quits. "Because this happens a lot, they want to move out of Philadelphia."

"You hear too many stories where the restaurant owner is murdered," said Yingzhang Lin, president of the Greater Philadelphia Chinese Restaurant Association.

"We shouldn't underestimate the impact that homicide has on the quality of life in the city."
RATCLIFFE

Of course, it's not just restaurant owners. In the last four months alone, violence has taken the lives of a store clerk who regularly sent money home to her mother in Mexico and a New York transplant who was about to start a new job. Jerry Ratcliffe, a Temple University professor of criminal justice, said it was reasonable to believe that the violent incidents could discourage others from moving to the city or opening a business here.

"We shouldn't underestimate the impact that homicide has on the quality of life in the city," he said, noting that one study put the cost of an individual homicide at $8 million.

But Everett Gillison, deputy mayor for public safety, noted that homicide is generally not random, meaning most of the general public has no reason to fear.

"Homicide, you'll find, is a pretty personal matter," he said. "It happens between people who are directly engaged in one fashion or another with a person they know." **NATALIE POMPILIO**

Unsolved murder profile: 2009

He came to study but never had the chance

Mamadou Makadji, 22, came from his home country of Mali to study English at Temple University early in the summer of 2009.

The French-speaking man didn't make it more than three months in his new American adventure before a gunman shot him dead as he sat on a park bench in Southwest Philadelphia with friends on an August evening.

Detectives at the time said Makadji, who had just watched a movie with his friends, likely couldn't understand why someone was pointing a gun in his face and was shot for not complying to the robber's demands.

After shooting the promising young man, the gunman reportedly fled without taking anything. Makadji was rushed from the shooting scene, which took place at 71st Street and Elmwood Avenue in the heart of Philadelphia's West African community, to a nearby hospital. He died a short time later.

"In Mali, you have guns for animals — lions, tigers, elephants — not for people," his uncle, Mame Makadji of Southwest Philadelphia, told the Daily News.

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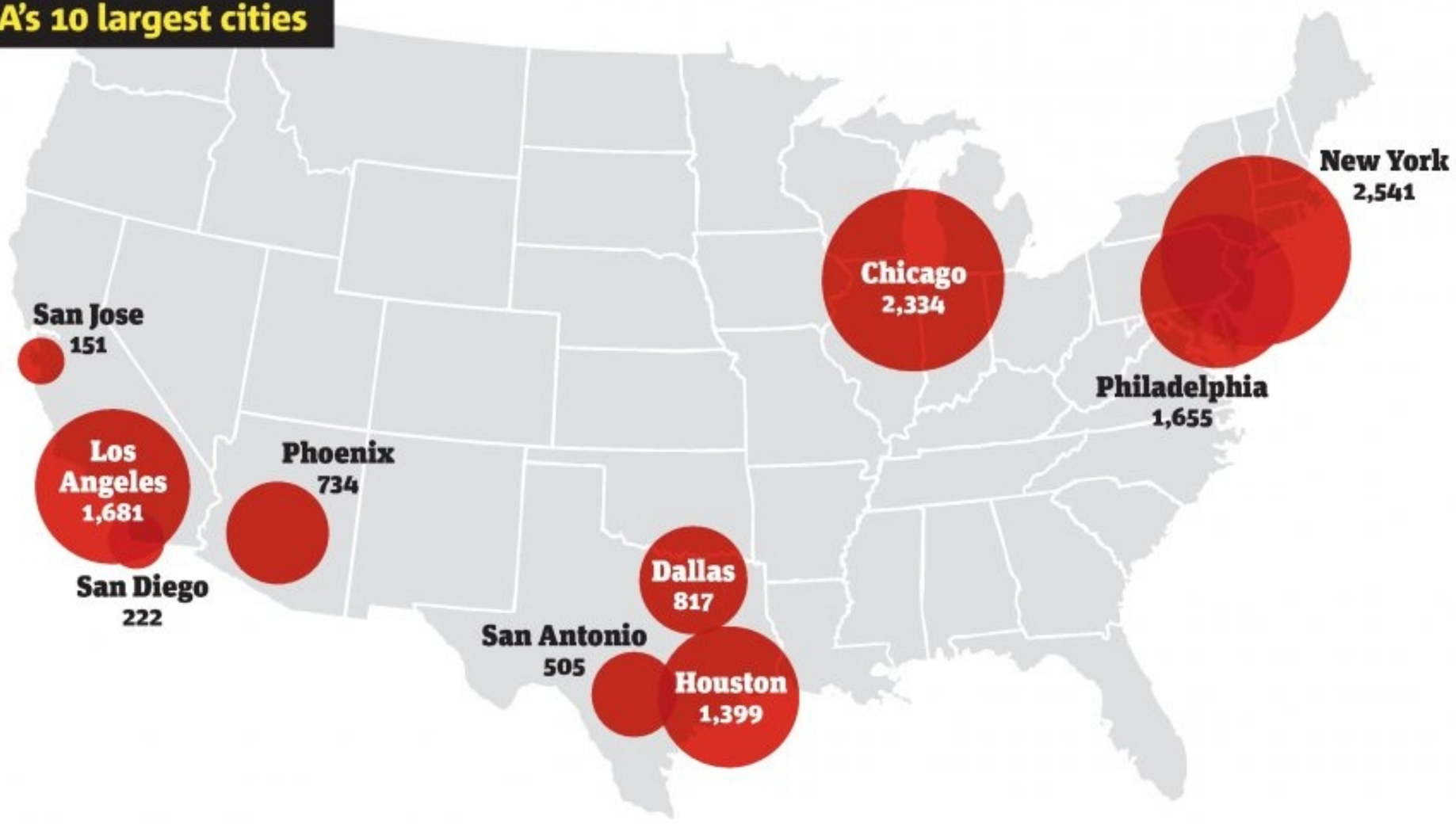
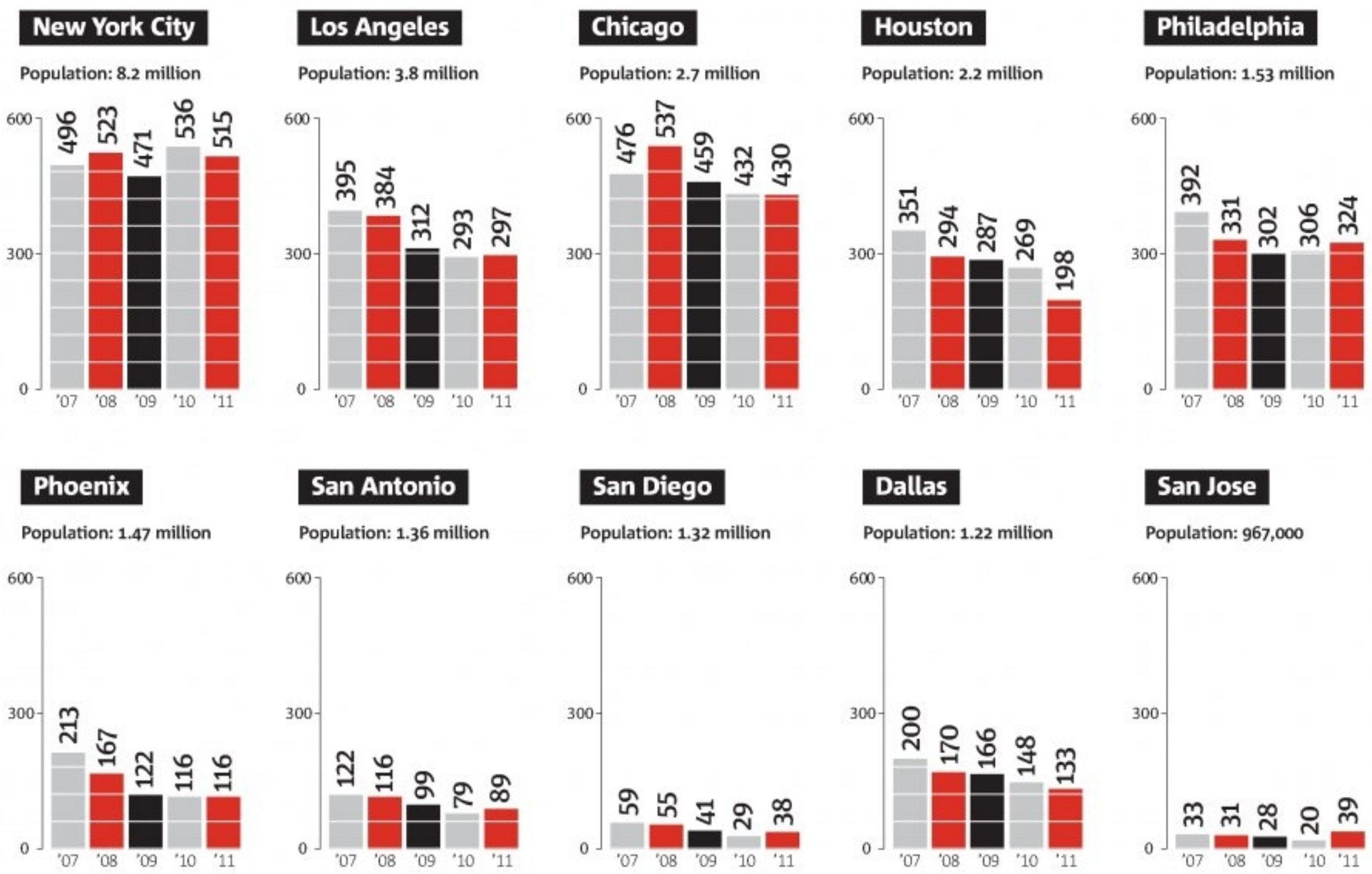
2007-11 murders in USA's 10 largest cities

Map shows the total murders from 2007 to 2011 in the country's 10 largest cities.





New approach to hunting suspects

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A SERIES ON FIVE YEARS OF PHILLY'S UNSOLVED MURDERS

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- After triple murder at grocery, PPD's homicide chief's all-out effort to find alleged killers
- Narcotics unit teamed with detectives to solve case that appeared doomed for the cold list

The trail was growing cold.

In September 2011, two men entered West Philadelphia's Lorena Grocery just minutes before its 8 p.m. closing. They shot and killed the store's owner, his wife and her sister, then fled with less than $700.

For months, Philadelphia Police detectives collected tips and ran down leads. They tried to piece together composites from grainy surveillance videos from a nearby school. Rewards were offered, and the families of Porfirio and Carmen Nunez and Lina Sanchez pleaded for someone to come forward with information. Yet the killers remained at large.

Then in January, Homicide Captain James Clark decided to take a different tack: He put together an elite team containing two of the best detectives from each of his squads, under the leadership of a top supervisor, and gave them 30 days to make in-roads on the case.

He had arrests in less than that.

"It was nothing short of amazing how they brought this job in," Clark said.

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CLARK

New eyes on the case recognized similar robberies had taken place in other pockets of the city that summer. In one of the incidents, at a Southwest Philadelphia corner store, video cameras had captured clearer images of the robbers' faces. In another, in North Philadelphia, a clerk has been shot and there was ballistics evidence.

"They pulled video and ballistics and they started getting matches and identifying players," Clark said.

With the help of the Narcotics Division and Southwest Detectives, police launched massive drug sweeps through Southwest and West Philadelphia, seeking information about the slayings.

Officers eventually pulled in Ibrahim Muhammed, 31, for questioning after finding him with marijuana. Muhammed lived a block from the Southwest Philadelphia store. He was quickly arrested in connection with the murders at Lorena Grocery.

A short time later, his alleged accomplice, Nalik Shariff Scott, 30, was also taken into custody. Both men have been ordered to stand trial on murder and related charges. The District Attorney's Office has not said whether it would seek the death penalty.

"The job just really was good police work," said Clark, whose new top squad has since brought in six other high-profile homicide cases. For all homicide detectives, he said, "it's a real talent and passion they have. … They are just relentless."

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More than police tape, teddy bears left behind

A first-person account from Metro city editor Brian X. McCrone

When I covered the streets of Philadelphia, many neighborhoods stood out for their memorials to the dead, for their crumbling rowhouses, for windblown rags of yellow police tape around utility poles and stop signs: Kensington, Mantua, Kingsessing, Point Breeze, Hunting Park, Brewerytown.

I must have visited 150 to 200 murder scenes from 2006 to 2010 across a city synonymous with murder and mayhem.

After cutting my chops on the streets of Trenton, N.J., for four years before coming to Philly, there wasn't anything that would surprise me, right? Wrong.

Photographer Rikard Larma and I arrived on Taney Street, a decrepit, ravaged side street just north of Cecil B. Moore and just east of 27th Street at about 2 p.m. on Jan. 24, 2010.

A teenager, Brian Crosland, 18, died there hours earlier from — what else? — gunfire. We were to report the scene for color to a story that already had an ending.

Crosland's murder had more to it than the all-too-often North Philadelphia shooting death. Some may have remembered his name from a high-profile slaying in 2006, when Crosland was allegedly with five other boys, ages 13 to 16, who went into a white neighborhood in nearby Fairmount with the goal of robbery — though someone wound up dead instead.

Let the words I wrote in 2010 tell you what I remember:

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

"A piece of cardboard didn't stick out in the garbage-filled vacant lot along the North Philadelphia corner until Debbie Crosland lifted it to reveal a deep puddle of her teenage son's thick, red blood.

Brian Crosland, 18, died there in the muddy lot next to a partially collapsed house at Taney Street and West Montgomery Avenue 10 hours earlier. Gunmen robbed him of at least his coat and cell phone around 4:30 a.m., police and family said.

'They tried to rob him. It's like neighborhood stick-up boys,' local resident Yasmin Sterling said, standing across Montgomery Avenue from the lot.

His mother, Debbie Crosland, described him as a 'person who would give you the shirt off his back' and said he was working toward a GED [certificate]."

One of Ms. Crosland's family members eventually pulled her away from the place her son died. He was disgusted. I asked her about her son as we stood over Brian's fresh blood.

But as we left, I looked back. Ms. Crosland couldn't keep herself away from the empty, trash-strewn lot forever. She lived several rowhouses away, just down Taney Street, near the place her son's blood marked another location for another memorial.

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Unsolved murder profile: 2010

▶ Debbie Crosland holds up a photo of her son, Brian.

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▶ Irvis, one of the city's most outspoken mothers against violence, showed off her quilt for charity.

Knitting in honor of lost

Since 2008, Irvis has worked on a new quilt, one made from commemorative shirts depicting the faces of those who have been lost. It's a work in progress that she continued at this year's event, held in August, around the time of the anniversary of her son's death.

"I wanted to put faces to the victims," said Irving. "And I wanted it to be big, so that people can see how it has affected us."

There is currently a $3,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Eric Woods' killer.

Mother turns pain into help for others

Monique Irvis stands in her dining room, positioned at the helm of a patchwork quilt that's spread out across the table. A vinyl banner depicting the image of a young man surrounded by seemingly unassociated names and dates overtakes the remainder of the floor space.

She and her family, including daughter Dana Maxwell and best friend Crystal Bradley, have gathered around the edges of these keepsakes, telling the story of how they came to be. It's been almost five years since Irvis lost her son Eric to gun violence and nine years since her daughter's son lost his father in an unrelated incident.

On Aug. 1, 2007, Eric Woods was shot and killed after a basketball game in Southwest Philadelphia. He was one of nine 19-year-olds killed that year in Philadelphia and the first of 12 people killed that August alone.

"He didn't get any of the support that he needed until I lost my son and he went and got the help through me."
IRVIS

It's hard for Irvis to cope with losing a son, but she gathers strength from support programs like the one she attends at Anti-Violence Partnership. But not everyone who loses a family member is entitled to the help. Her grandson wasn't.

"He didn't get any of the support that he needed until I lost my son and he went and got the help through me," she said. "He didn't have any of the services because his dad was involved in something that he shouldn't have been in, at the time when he was killed."

It's this inequality that pushed Irvis to begin to lay the groundwork for a new support system, through a nonprofit that she's already registered with the state and is working to launch called The Wounded Healing Memorial Foundation.

Since her son's death in 2007, Irvis has been organizing events. Apart from helping herself cope with the constant fear she feels for the safety of her other children, she's able to help others who have lost loved ones — and most importantly, to help children who have lost parents.

"I mainly want to focus on the kids," said Irvis. "Because the kids are the ones who are left behind, and people forget them."

After being inspired by a similar project for AIDS awareness, Irvis incorporated the quilt into an event that was held in 2008. Each of the children who had lost a parent created a patch that was sewn into a handmade memorial quilt.

"We had a lot of children that that made stuff for their dads," said Irvis. "And when you see the people just sitting down, putting the quilt together ... "

"That was amazing," said Bradley.

"It was unity," said Maxwell, "everybody coming together."

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Check back tomorrow

Day three of our "Unsolved Murders" series reexamines Philly's urban taboo of snitching. And to close the series, we take a final look at all of the victims.

Opinion

PAUL SMITH
TV HOST/BUSINESSMAN

WHERE'S THE OUTRAGE?

The question has been asked many times and I will ask it again: Where is the outrage? There are African-American males dying in our streets every day, and there is a lack of coverage, a lack of responsibility, a lack of cooperation by the communities and again, a lack of outrage. I happen to host a show titled "Unsolved Philadelphia." We visit the very communities affected by this violence with a goal of solving these cases and giving the families of the slain some justice and closure.

One thing that is almost universal when it comes to these crimes is that no one saw a thing. I find this quite perplexing given that most inner-city blocks are highly populated literally at any time in the day, sun up to sundown. I also find it troubling considering that at the first inclination of police brutality, you can find a plethora of witnesses with very detailed accounts. Why is there an assumption that the very community affected by the violence doesn't want to take the means to prevent it? Is it because the residents feel law enforcement doesn't do enough to help? Are they afraid of retaliation if they get involved?

I'd accept that rationale but people are still dying, so that very bullet you decided not to report to the police may hit you or someone you love eventually. This is a ton of opinion, but from what I've seen and what I know I can tell you that it is up to us, the citizens, to become advocates of change to make our communities safe for our loved ones. When communities bond together to get justice, that's what usually happens. Our show has helped solve one case and gathered information that helped with two others — and while I'd love to take the credit, it was someone in the community who decided enough was enough. When are we going to collectively decide that enough is enough?

— Paul Smith hosts "Unsolved Philadelphia" on PhillyCam Public Access Wednesdays and Saturdays and is chief operating officer of Life Media.

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Global homicide numbers

Based on figures from 2011:

- **Barranquilla, Colombia**
  Population: 1,182,493
  No. of homicides: 424
  Murder rate per 100,000 residents: 35.86
- **Caracas, Venezuela**
  Population: 3,205,463
  No. of homicides: 3,164
  Murder rate per 100,000 residents: 98.71
- **Guatemala, Guatemala**
  Population: 3,014,060
  No. of homicides: 2,248
  Murder rate per 100,000 residents: 74.58
- **Johannesburg, S. Africa**
  Population: 3,888,180
  No. of homicides: 1,186
  Murder rate per 100,000 residents: 30.50
- **Juarez, Mexico**
  Population: 1,335,890
  No. of homicides: 1,974
  Murder rate per 100,000 residents: 147.77
- **Philadelphia**
  Population:1,530,000
  No. of homicides: 324
  Murder rate per 100,000 residents: 21.2

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Education in brief

Temple students raise funds for Sandy victims

Students at Temple University are supporting Hurricane Sandy victims in New Jersey and New York through a variety of drives to raise money and gather food, clothing and other necessary supplies.

Students from the Fox School of Business will collect food and clothing in the lobby of Alter Hall on Wednesday.

Student Activities is also running an online donation program through the online program YouGiveGoods (www.yougivegoods.com), operated by the Salvation Army. Donors can specify what food and goods they want to give.

Rebecca Skloot lectures at Rowan

Rebecca Skloot, author of "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks," will present a lecture

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▶ Skloot

and lead a discussion on the many moral and ethical issues raised in her New York Times best-selling book on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Rowan University.

All new Rowan students — from incoming freshmen to first-year students at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University — have been encouraged to read "Henrietta Lacks" as part of Rowan's RU Reading Together Common Reading Program. The nonfiction book tells the story of Lacks, a cervical cancer patient whose cells have been used for medical research since the 1950s. Discussion groups focusing on issues of class and race in medical research are being held throughout the academic year. JUDY WEIGHTMAN

A familiar face at La Salle University

Over the course of 65 years, some things about a university change quite a bit and others don't change at all, says John Rooney, emeritus professor of psychology at La Salle University. Rooney started teaching at La Salle in 1947. Though he's retired from teaching, at age 92 he's still involved in the life of the university, serving as assistant director of the master's program in psychology, which he helped start.

"I don't want to stay on beyond my time, but I enjoy meeting the incoming students [and] seeing their enthusiasm," he says. "It regenerates my energy just to talk to them."

When he started at La Salle, many students were the first in their families to attend college. "Their families didn't necessarily understand the demands," Rooney says, so he was instrumental in starting a counseling program for WWII vets and other students.

LA SALLE

▶ John Rooney, emeritus professor of psychology at La Salle, has donated partial proceeds of his memoir to the school.

Today, La Salle is seeing a new group of first-generation students: those from minority and other underserved populations. "The actual number is still lower than it should be," he says. "But it's increasing, both at La Salle and nationally."

Rooney has written a memoir, "Bleachers in the Bedroom: The Swampoodle Irish and Connie Mack," which tells of his boyhood living across the street from Shibe Park. He recently donated partial proceeds to the university.

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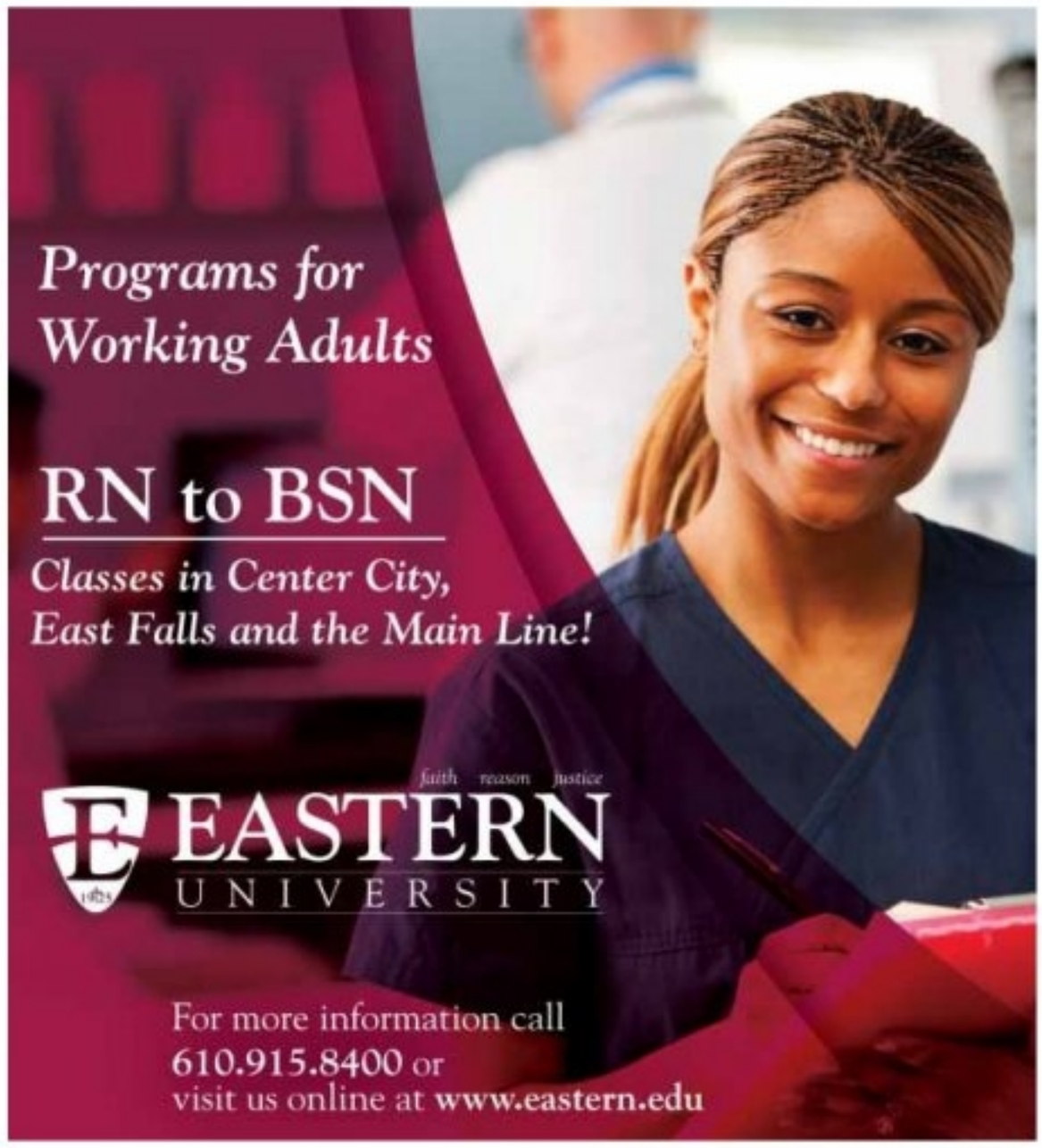

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Metro went to the MTV Europe Music Awards

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▶ "The whole point of 'Gangnam Style' is that you don't have to be that good," said PSY.

"It's good because I ride horses. It's very easy."

DAVID HASSELHOFF, ON DANCING "GANGNAM STYLE"

A new duet?

Lana Del Rey presented Best Female award to **Taylor Swift**, who won her first Europe Music Award (of many). Before the show, on the red carpet, the two chatted cozily. Planning a duet? (Lana later won best alternative, beating **Florence and the Machine.**)

Lana Del Q&A:
Q: What were you listening to before the show?
A: We were listening to Chris Isaak and Bruce Springsteen. Americana.
Q: You're a model for H&M. Do you wear anything lucky from them?
A: [Shows us her underwear]

"If you'd asked me when I was 7 years old, I would have told you with utter of confidence, definitely, yes. I'd be a star. But then I grew up." CARLY RAE JEPSEN

On the red carpet of Sunday's MTV Europe Music Awards — in Frankfurt, Germany — David Hasselhoff got perhaps the biggest applause from fans (of course he did), with host Heidi Klum, Kim Kardashian and "Gangnam Style" star PSY coming a close second. Metro was on the red carpet to talk to a few of the headliners.

All reporting by Michael Freidson

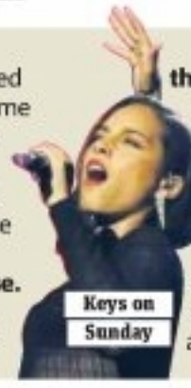
Alicia Keys

Hells Kitchen represent: New York just got its power back after superstorm Sandy.
I know a lot of people that were affected by it and being [from] New York and [going] through it myself — I've only had power back for five days. But some people are displaced and lost their homes. It's a time for us to come together and I'm praying for us and making sure the beautiful part is seeing how people across the world come together.

There's talk of an apocalypse. What would you tweet, if you knew it was the end of the world?
Oh gosh, I really don't want to think about that. I really don't. But it's true it is something to think about. We're putting so much abuse on this planet. How is it not supposed to react that way?

Maybe the next song, since you're wearing a green dress ...
"Going Green" by Alicia Keys.

What are you doing during your performance?
You can expect to be set ablaze — speaking of the environment.



Keys on Sunday

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

@JohnCleese
In LA working with Python producer John Goldstone and daughter Camilla on acting and writing master classes for the internet.

@MissKellyO
At a photo shoot for a campaign to save African Elephants & the elephant farted on my boyfriends head funniest thing I have ever witnessed!

@CraigyFerg
Just downloaded Angry Birds Star Wars. This is probably my last tweet for a while.

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Another way of looking at the Boss

Two new books show Springsteen in a different light than the way fans may be used to seeing him

When Peter Ames Carlin learned that Bruce Springsteen was willing to sit down with him for the Boss biography he was writing, the author had to keep himself in check. Yes, this was the first time that Springsteen would be cooperating with a biographer in 25 years — and yes, this was the man who had helped inform his world vision — but Carlin had a warts-and-all book to write.

"For me, the thing that mattered was that I was working on this book and this could conceivably be the difference between it being an extraordinary book and being another book about Bruce Springsteen," he says about his finished product, which is simply titled "Bruce." Through interviews with family members and band members past and present, Carlin unearths previously unpublished anecdotes about his subject's childhood, about his early rocking years and his family struggles with mental illness. The man that emerges is alternately a controlling boyfriend, a driven bandleader, a junk-food junkie and an artist who is constantly challenging himself.

Quoted

"[Springsteen] told me later, after he read the book, that part of what he valued about it was that he was reminded of how special the people in his life were."
CARLIN

"He works really hard at being a good man and doesn't always live up to his own expectations of himself," says Carlin. "It felt very important to me to report stories I had heard about him being a dick."

Even though Carlin unveils these imperfections and his inner fan boy is securely locked up throughout the narrative, he says his respect for Springsteen's artistic vision is unwavering.

"He's so smart, so sensitive and so unafraid to dive into the darkness and mourn the horrors of the world, but also maintains that belief in possibility," he says.

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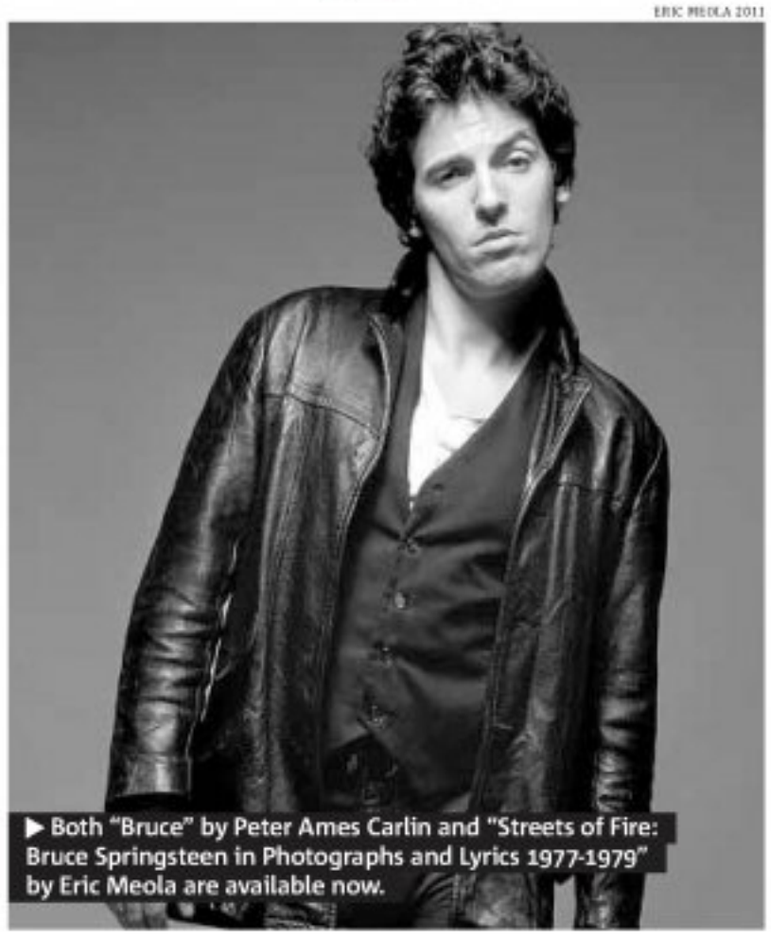

▶ Both "Bruce" by Peter Ames Carlin and "Streets of Fire: Bruce Springsteen in Photographs and Lyrics 1977-1979" by Eric Meola are available now.

Keep pushin' till it's understood

Photographer Eric Meola has also recently released a new book on the Boss. The shots in "Streets of Fire: Bruce Springsteen in Photographs and Lyrics 1977-1979" were taken at the sparsely decorated farmhouse Springsteen rented after "Born to Run" made him a star. They almost look like demo versions of the cover of "Darkness on the Edge of Town." "He would stand in attic alcoves with light coming in and creating beautiful shadows and I started to realize that the emptiness of the house reflected a lot of the loneliness and despair that was going on in the music," says Meola.

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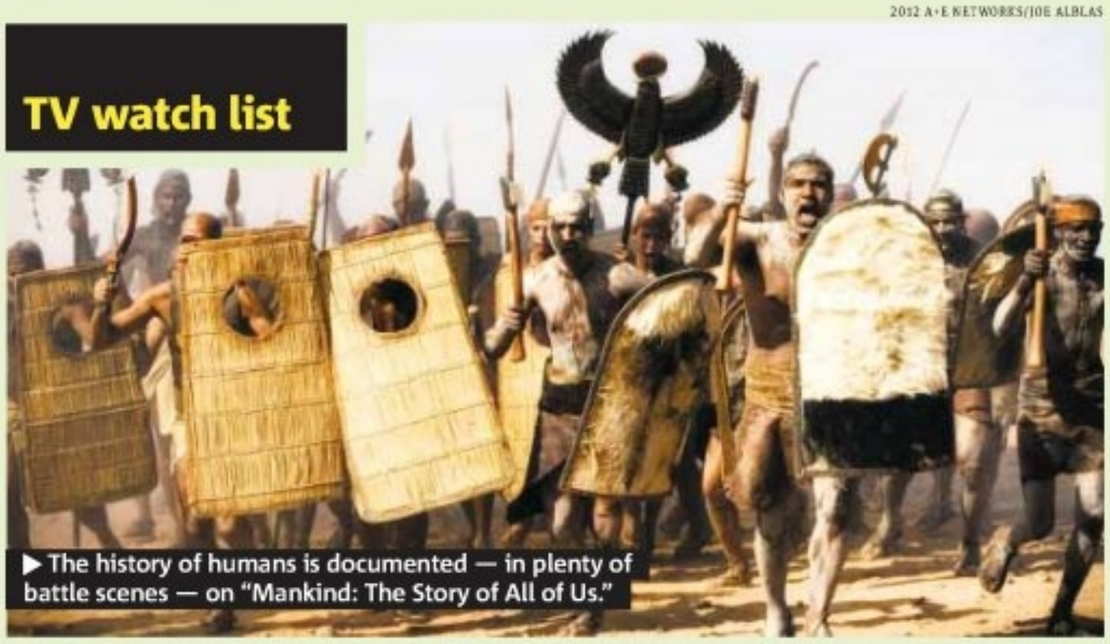

▶ The history of humans is documented — in plenty of battle scenes — on "Mankind: The Story of All of Us."

'Mankind: The Story of All of Us'

DOCUMENTARY. Don't worry — this 12-hour docuseries is no snoozy high school history lecture. Instead, bloody battle re-enactments and narration by Josh Brolin help tell the tale of humans' humble beginnings and rise to global dominance. **Miniseries premiere, 9 p.m., History Channel**

'New Girl'

COMEDY. Schmidt goes all "Fifty Shades of Grey" on his corporate boss (guest star Carla Gugino), though we're guessing he's the Ana in this situation. **9 p.m., Fox**

'Raising Hope'

COMEDY. Jimmy learns he has a long-lost brother, who happens to be played by long-lost actor Chris Klein. **8 p.m., Fox**

'Happy Endings'

COMEDY. Max's days as a bar mitzvah emcee may be numbered (possibly not such a bad thing) when he invites Brad to go to work with him — and the newbie steals the spotlight. **9 p.m., ABC**

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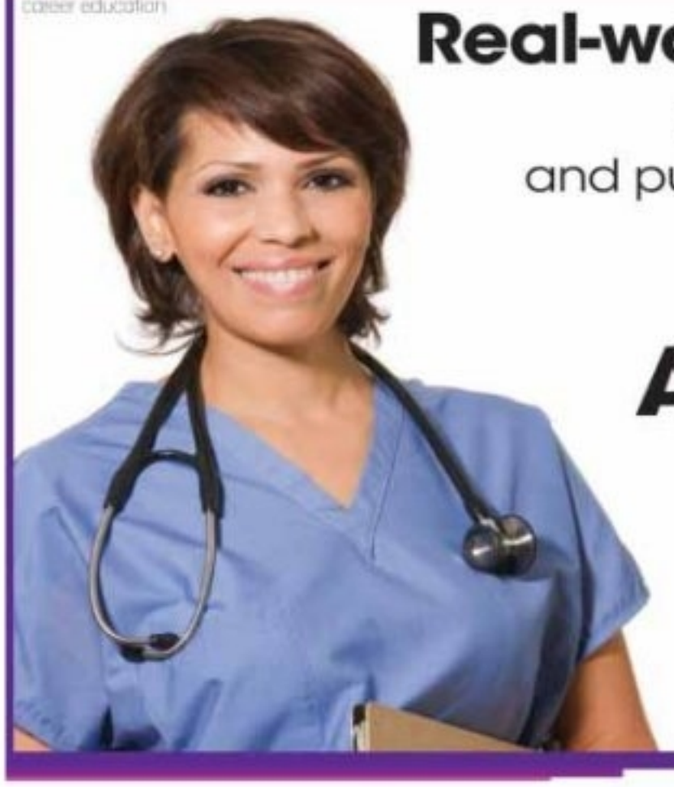

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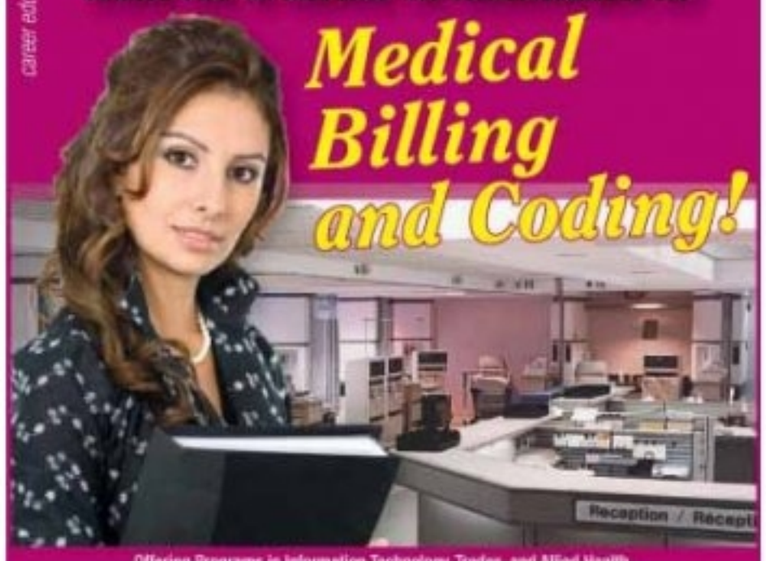

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Readying for the end of the world as we know it

Sandy is the kind of disaster that 'Preppers' warn against Is storing chemical suits crazy or cautious?

The people readying themselves for the end of the world by practicing how to quickly don a hazmat suit and hoarding gasoline may have seemed a bit out-there when "Doomsday Preppers" debuted in February on National Geographic Channel. But as the show's second season premieres at the same time some of our nation's most populated areas are still trying to recover from the devastating aftermath of superstorm Sandy, audiences may begin to believe these cautious over-planners aren't so crazy after all.

"We hope we don't get the last laugh," says one of the show's prepping experts, David Kobler, who is also cofounder of Practical Preppers LLC, a company that specializes in preparedness products and consultation. "We're Americans just like you guys, and we don't want anything bad to happen to our neighbors, our country. But we want to protect our family."

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▶ "I would say if you are just average, [you] put a little food, a little storage, a little money away — we do take it to an extreme," says prepper Braxton Southwick Jr., pictured with his family. "Doomsday Preppers" Season 2 premieres tonight at 9 on National Geographic.

One family ensuring they will survive the worst is the Southwicks, a clan of eight featured in Season 2 who lives in suburban Salt Lake City. The mother, Kara, says the family doesn't stock a year's supply of food for just grand-scale disasters.

"Maybe we run into a financial crisis, a car breaks down or we have a job layoff for 30, 60 days, whatever the case might be, then we are prepared for that," she says of her impressive cache of nonperishables. "And I think we're teaching our kids responsibility to be self-reliant."

"That's true," adds her husband, Braxton. "[The goal is to] not look to the government for help, but be able to sustain [ourselves]."

Prepping, Southwick-style

Whether hit with a smallpox outbreak or earthquake, the Southwick family is ready. "It's human nature to be survivalists," says mom Kara. Here's how they're prepping:

- Each family member has a Bug Out Bag stocked with a three-day supply of food, water and other necessities.
- Their storage room houses a year's supply of food, as well as chemical suits.
- The Southwicks buried 1,000 pounds of coal and have stored more than 100 gallons of diesel fuel and propane.
- Each child, ranging in age from 13-20, knows how to handle a rifle. "If we have to, we'd hunt," says Braxton. "Using weapons to protect yourself is an extreme."

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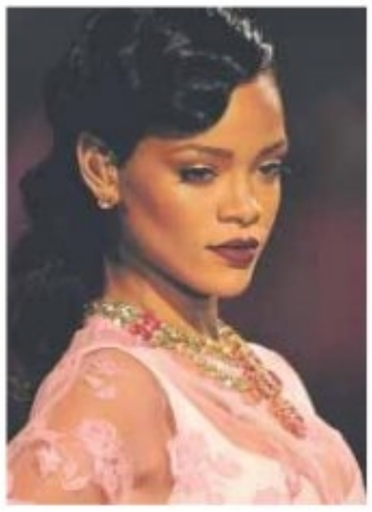
Top 3 burgundy lipsticks

Burgundy boom

Shades of merlot and oxblood are a runway-endorsed beauty trend. But it's **Rihanna**'s recent performance at the Victoria's Secret Show, below, that has us really craving a dark lip. Here are three options to try:



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Tips for dressing your kid in style

The stylists at Wittlebee, a mail service that sends stylish clothes for your kid right to your door, share their suggestions on making sure your bambino looks sharp

As a parent, sometimes it's all you can do to make sure your kid's clothing is clean, let alone fashionable. But sometimes your little one deserves to look his or her best. So we asked the stylists at Wittlebee, an online service that sends members a box of specially curated kids' clothing for $40 a month, for their tips on how to turn your child into your most stylish accessory.

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Pick colors that work for their skin tones.

What colors look best on them? What washes them out? What colors bring out their eyes?

With Wittlebee, you receive six items based on your child's gender, age and style.

Invest in quality items.

No one wants to spend a fortune on expensive baby items when turnover is so high. But the best kids' wardrobes have a mix of moderately priced items, as well as several quality pieces. Then you can feel confident you'll always have something on hand for a fancy event or just a walk to the school bus.

Don't forget comfort.

Look at their body shape and think about what they should wear that is most comfortable for them. For example, leggings are best for babies who have chubby legs and overalls are better for those who have bellies so that their waists won't get pinched.

Add some flair to basics to make a statement.

You don't have to buy a crazy, zigzag patterned dress to make your little one stand out. Instead, go for a more elegant, blue pinstriped dress. If it's chilly out, you can layer this with a tiny cardigan and solid leggings.

Dress your kids according to their personalities

If you have an outgoing and fun child, go with bright colors and bold patterns. If they are more subdued and calm, maybe even a bit shy, it might be best to steer away from bold patterns. Don't worry: You can add subtle flair with texture and a great, classic color palette.

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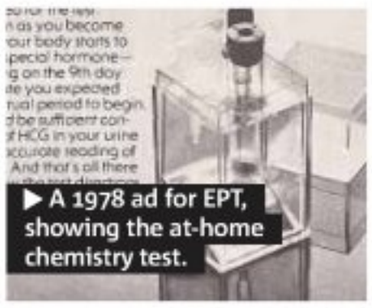
The hunt for the red plus sign

The home pregnancy test has come a long way Historians would like to be able to demonstrate this to the public — if only they could find the original

Thirty-five years ago, EPT's original home pregnancy test looked like a chemistry set. It took women around two hours to find out the news.

Nevertheless, it was a breakthrough, allowing women to know reliably whether or not they were in the early stages of pregnancy without visiting the family physician. And even though it was bulky and big, they could still buy it for about $10 at their local drugstore.

In addition to being a technological innovation, this original kit represents a cultural and regulatory landmark, making it a desirable addition to collections at medical history museums and even government agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration. But, perplexingly, no one can seem to find one of the originals.



▶ A 1978 ad for EPT, showing the at-home chemistry test.

The Dittrick Medical History Museum, home to the largest collection of historical contraceptive devices in the world, hasn't given up hope.

Dittrick's staff has faith that an original home pregnancy test will turn up. After all, they have more than 400 IUDs.

"Who would save their IUD?" asks Jennifer Kane Nieves, registrar and archivist at the museum. "But we've gotten plenty of them."

The biggest challenge in finding one is the nature of the kit itself, said James Edmonson, chief curator.

"They're meant to be used and discarded," he said. "But sometimes, things turn up in curious places."

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All pluses

▶ The kits' broad appeal was understandable, says Sarah Leavitt, who developed a Web exhibit for the NIH on the history of the home pregnancy test. "[The kit] can address a lot of different stories, including the history of choice and medical testing," she says.

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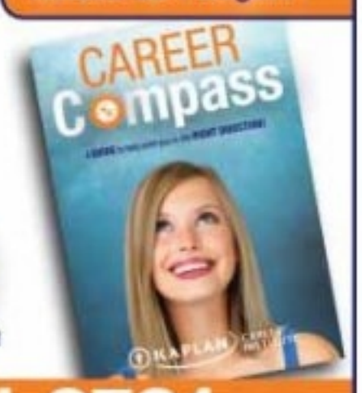

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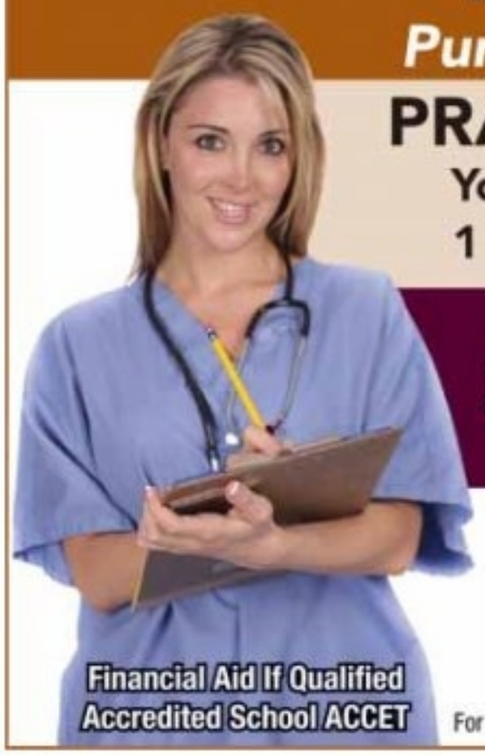
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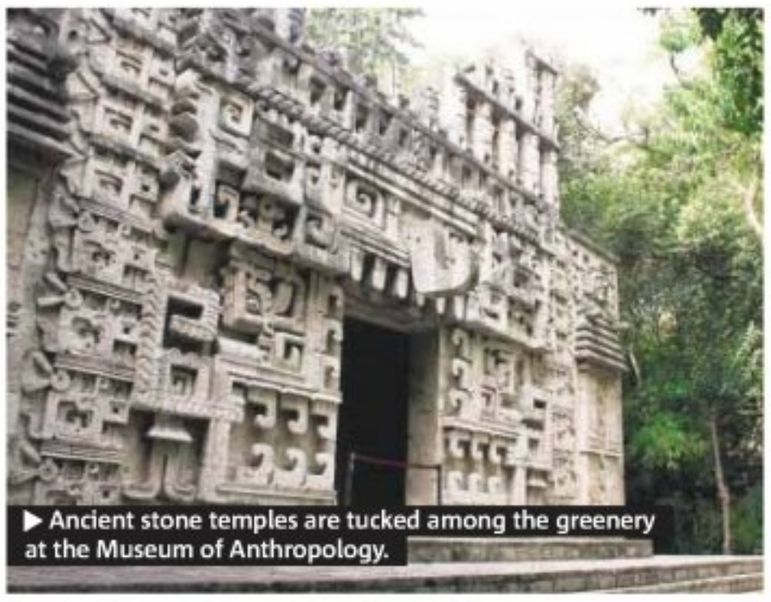
Maximizing a weekend in Mexico City

Mexico City is like a map of the human brain: a simmering, complex, ever-changing storehouse of history, art, fashion and food. At 574 square miles (New York is only 467) and 20 million people, you could spend weeks just getting acquainted. But with cheaper fares now available, it's possible to learn this fascinating city in shorter increments.

What to do Saturday

A good place to start is the Museum of Anthropology, where you'll get a sense of the country's ancient culture and mythology. With jet lag working in your favor, head over early to beat the crowds, and then wander among edifices of ancient temples, handmade gold and turquoise jewelry and the original Stone of the Sun, aka the Aztec Calendar.

After learning what's come before, it's time to plunge into modern Mexico. Head to the Zocalo, the bustling plaza in the heart of historic downtown, and stop into the National Palace to see Diego Rivera's rustic yet bitingly political murals. Spend a quiet moment in the Metropolitan Cathedral before lunch at a rooftop restaurant overlooking the square — and the excavation of an ancient temple found during a dig to lay the electrical system. After a brief siesta, cap off your day with shopping, dinner and nightlife in the hip Condessa and adjoining La Roma neighborhoods.



▶ Ancient stone temples are tucked among the greenery at the Museum of Anthropology.

▶ A Diego Rivera mural

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What to do Sunday

Start your day in Coyoacan, a quaint, relaxed neighborhood and home to Casa Azul, where artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera lived from 1929 to 1954. Their passion is evident in both their lovingly preserved household and their exhibited works.

But let's get real — you're there for the food. A few blocks south of Casa Azul is the Mercado de Coyoacan, a massive indoor space where vendors sling some of the freshest street fare in the city. Service is friendly but dizzyingly brisk — just belly up to a table, be brave and order. Don't miss Tostadas de Coyoacan, where ceviche is piled atop tortillas.

Continue south to the Plaza del Coyocan where you can shop at Mercado Artisinal for local crafts and freshly blended molé powder (which, unlike the fresh paste, can be taken home in your carry-on).

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Where to stay

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The Price isn't right on fiscal solution

RE: "GOP: 'FISCAL CLIFF' DEAL CAN BE MADE" (METRO, NOV. 12) On the "Chris Wallace Show," Tom Price (R-GA) offered this solution to avoid going over the fiscal cliff: (a) close loopholes, (b) lower tax rates and (c) reduce spending on entitlements such as Medicare and Medicaid.

This proposal is unacceptable.

Closing loopholes increases tax revenues, but lowering rates decreases tax revenues; so, in effect, we will gain virtually no benefit from tax reform.

We are then left with an austerity program that targets entitlements.

Intransigence on proposals such as his might push us to the brink, once again.

GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

The love of money, not its existence, is root of left's dislike

RE: "DEMS SELECTIVE OVER WHICH RICH PEOPLE THEY HATE" (METRO NOV. 12) John Arslaian's letter shows how conservatives misrepresent issues and engage in personal attacks, instead of looking at real issues. "Democrats hate" is a personal attack. The letter asks why they hate, without establishing that they do. Dems don't hate rich people. They are trying to fix the rules that have favored the rich since Reagan implemented trickle-down economics. The middle class has stagnated. It didn't trickle down.

HARRY THORN, VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Arslaian writes with questions as to why some individuals of wealth are seemingly adored by the public, while others are disdained or outright loathed. I cannot speak for the nation, but the answers seem fairly apparent. It is their actions that are hated, not their bank accounts. There are two main aspects of wealth: how it was achieved and how it is used. Those who achieved their riches by means that are morally reprehensible, regardless of legality, are held in poor light. Once those riches are achieved, what is done with them? Money is always a means, never a goal. Those who pursue it endlessly are attempting to acquire power. If you fund organizational that promote inequality, or use large amounts in self-serving ways, you're not going to win any accolades. If, however, you spend a vast amount of that wealth for causes that champion good — then you'll probably be held in high regard. We don't hate people who are rich. We hate people who are dirtbags — they just also happen to be rich.

LUKE CUDDY, VIA E-MAIL

Civilization falls when morals exiled

RE: "FORGET THE PAST – LET'S NOT REPEAT IT" (METRO, NOV. 9-11) Robert C. Yuknavech's letter shows his ignorance. History repeatedly shows that freedom cannot exist without virtue. Moral decadence leads to societal chaos and cultural breakdown, which then creates the perfect conditions for the rise of authoritarianism and dictatorship. That is the "lesson" that this election may ultimately teach us. The question is: Will anyone pay attention before it is too late? Those who don't learn from history are usually doomed to repeat it.

RICHARD M. SAWICKI

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Horoscope

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Some changes might be in store for you where your finances are concerned. Depending upon how you handle them, results could be either adverse or beneficial.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** In your anxiousness to conclude matters that have been causing you a lot of frustration lately, you might deprive yourself of what is rightfully due.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Measures that are predicated upon sober evaluations will produce desirable results. Conversely, the opposite will be true with situations that you fail to properly study.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Before getting even more deeply involved with someone who is already indebted to you, make an attempt to get this person to settle his or her old accounts. Don't compound things further.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Take time to review your objectives, because you could be chasing something unattainable. Realism is the only thing that can bring you success.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You will be doing yourself a great disservice if you let a wild hunch take precedence over your common sense. Deal from a factual basis at all times.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If at all possible, engage in projects that you have the knowledge, experience and expertise to handle properly. Getting in over your head could be risky.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** When negotiating a matter of importance, don't make any unnecessary concessions. It'll serve you better if you deal from your strengths, not from your weaknesses.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Try to face career or work issues head-on, instead of attempting to circumvent them. Problems will most assuredly get worse over time if you simply sweep them under the rug.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Distractions will reduce all your productive efforts and turn your day into a waste. If you hope to succeed in your efforts, you must have focus.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If you're not careful, you could easily get so involved in outside matters that you fail to take care of the things you should be handling. Keep your priorities in sound working order.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** In order to get others to do your bidding, you could be tempted to bribe them with some big promises that you'll not be able to keep. This is not a good way to get along with your cohorts. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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Opinion

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THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

REID HAD BIRDS FANS CHEERING FOR COWBOYS

The Dallas Cowboys, a nauseating sports franchise run by an evil owner, received cheers in the living rooms of the Delaware Valley. It is now official. Eagles fans have reached rock bottom.

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Normally, a loss to the Cowboys would create a pall over Philadelphia that would take weeks to lift — but that was before Andy Reid stole football from the most passionate city in the NFL. For this one unprecedented moment in time, a 38-23 loss to the despicable intruders brought actual relief, a long-awaited sense of closure. Thank you, Jerry Jones.

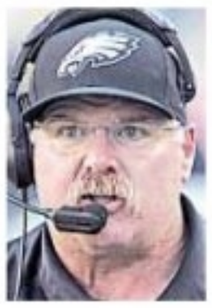
All it took was a concussion to Mike Vick, another pitiful performance by the offensive line, a clinic by the defense on how not to tackle and a team-wide meltdown that handed the Cowboys 21 points in 2:29 early in the fourth quarter. Not even a PA system ramped up to ear-curdling levels could block the sad truth. At this point, we're all just happy to end the suffering.

Quoted

Reid will be just another coach who said one thing and did another.

Reid is gone now, a dead coach walking. If Jeff Lurie doesn't stop the misery early, then the last seven weeks of this doomed season will be more about the next chapter than the current one. Nick Foles will get a much longer audition than he got Sunday, behind one of the worst lines in history. The rest of the underachievers will try to salvage whatever is left of their declining careers.

But any delusion of one last revival is over, obliterated by an Eagles team that stopped performing and a coach who lost his way. After suffering through the infuriating exit of Brian Dawkins, the uncivil departure of David Akers and the cold, public execution of Juan Castillo, Reid's own goodbye will be less dramatic — and far less poignant.



In fact, the most intriguing part of the months ahead will be debating his legacy. Will Reid be remembered for winning more games than any other Eagles coach? Or will mention of his name forever call to mind the countless botched opportunities, the squandered timeouts, the refusal to run, the insulting postgame comments?

Many media sycophants will try a happy spin to Reid's tenure, recalling the five NFC championship games and the Super Bowl appearance. Smart fans will know better. To them, Reid will be just another coach who said one thing and did another.

Reid will be the coach who preached character when he first got here, then turned his team over to an ex-con. Reid will be the coach who extolled loyalty in the locker room, until he needed to practice it himself. Reid will be the coach who lavished praise on the fans, but never thought enough of them to give a straight answer to a fair question.

And, after a Sunday like no other, Andy Reid was the coach who did the impossible. He made us root for the Dallas Cowboys, just to end the pain.

*— **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30-10 a.m.*

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Can Sixers tell the truth?

Opinion

After dodging questions for a week, Sixers GM Tony DiLeo finally offered an update on Andrew Bynum. The news was terrible.

The stud center is not expected to play his first game here until around the first of the year. There are a couple of amazing things about this announcement. The first is that it took DiLeo so long to answer the only question that matters.

On a team that has preached transparency since the change of ownership, DiLeo needs to stop hiding and to start respecting the fans. If he prefers this cloak-and-dagger stuff, he should apply for the vacant CIA director's job.

And second, is it fair to begin asking exactly what the Sixers got in that big trade last summer? We know they gave up Andre Iguodala (good riddance), Moe Harkless (their No. 1 pick), Nic Vucevic and a protected first-round pick for Bynum and Jason Richardson. Without Bynum, that deal reeks. With him, who knows?

Despite all of the claims the Sixers didn't receive damaged goods when they acquired Bynum, there is little question they did. After all, Bynum was scheduled for the experimental knee treatments in Germany before the trade. People tend not to sign up for exotic medical procedures when healthy.

In the long-awaited medical update yesterday, the Sixers again cited a bone bruise as the cause of the current trouble — a bone bruise that will take 11 weeks to heal. Either this is the most amazing bone bruise in history, or DiLeo is tap-dancing around the truth.

So what is the truth? My guess is, Bynum has a chronic knee condition that is threatening his future. Just don't expect DiLeo to be honest about it soon. ANGELO CATALDI

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Opinion

Chucky ready to pick up the pieces for Reid

Jon Gruden will be the next coach of the Eagles.

Got you, didn't I? Reading those words brought a twinge of excitement, at least for a fleeting second. Don't deny it. When rumors of Gruden's return began circulating last Thursday, interest in the Eagles snapped back like the flip of a light switch. There is no other logical conclusion to draw from that dubious rumor:

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▶ We know you want Gruden, Philly fans.

The current fan malaise is not fatal.

If the Eagles' faithful could survive the seven-game losing streak that ended Rich Kotite's clueless tenure or the 3-13 catastrophe that sent Ray Rhodes back into seclusion, our football passion will endure beyond the end of the Andy Reid era, too. This, too, shall pass. It always does. It always will.

My job in radio for the past 23 years has been to gauge fan interest and adjust to it. Well, there is no denying that this soft, sullen Eagles team has sucked dry the love that Philadelphia has for its favorite sports franchise, at least for the moment. There are only so many "gotta do a better jobs" our psyches can endure before we all short-circuit.

The tendency at moments like this is to proclaim a seismic shift in our affections, but there will be no major change in the long run. In fact, when Eagles fans responded so hopefully to the mere whisper of Jon Gruden taking over for Reid, they were already showing that their apathy has the same expiration date as the current head coach.

Better days are ahead. Jon Gruden will be the next coach of the Eagles.

Got you again, didn't I?

ANGELO CATALDI

Idle thoughts ...

1 Wasted talent. Very quietly, GM Howie Roseman got a four-year extension last summer. Hey, at least we know someone else in the front office is as bad a judge of talent as Howie.

2 Marcus who? Marcus Vick created a major controversy when he informed his Twitter followers that his brother Michael should be traded. Just one question: Marcus Vick has Twitter followers? Really?

3 Uh-oh. There are rumors that San Diego will offer Andy Reid the head-coaching job as soon as he's fired here. Unless Reid can find a clone of Jim Johnson, the Chargers are going to be very disappointed, very quickly.

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